



August 3, 2012

EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on August 1, 2012, Melissa Newman of CenturyLink, Frank Simone of AT&T, Donna Epps and Ed Shakin of Verizon, and the undersigned, met with Christine Kurth, legal advisor to Commissioner McDowell, in connection with the proceeding identified above.

During this meeting, we urged the Commission to expeditiously move to the issuance of a mandatory data request to obtain information necessary to appropriately assess the extensive competition in the marketplace for high-capacity services. Particularly given the Commission's acknowledgement that competitive providers have failed to provide detailed information in response to its previous voluntary requests, the industry representatives urged that the Commission must avoid making substantive findings concerning competition for these services until after a comprehensive data request is issued and complied with by the competitive industry.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this letter in the docket identified above.

Sincerely,

Glenn T. Reynolds

c: Christine Kurth